

a plurality of relationship fields for storing information sufficient to identify said linking.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the first of said plurality of header information fields and the second of said plurality of header information fields are stored in one or more tables.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the said first header information field is linked to at least two other header information fields using a plurality of relationship fields.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein each of the plurality of relationship fields are located within one or more relationship tables.

25. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein at least one of said tables is a correspondent table, said correspondent table including header information fields for identifying a correspondent.

26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein at one of said tables includes fields for identifying the message body.

27. (New) The method of Claim 25, wherein at least one of said relationship fields includes information for identifying the relationship between the message body and the correspondent.

28. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein said header includes sender e-mail address information, further comprising the steps of:

e) receiving at least a second e-mail having a second header and second message body, and separating said second header from said second message body;

f) separating information contained in said second header, and placing the separated information from said second header into a plurality of second header information fields;

g) separating sender e-mail address information from said plurality of second header information fields;

h) comparing the sender e-mail address information to information stored in said plurality of header information fields; and

i) if the e-mail address information is identical to e-mail address information stored in said plurality of header information fields, storing the second message body in a message field.

29. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the steps of updating a count of the number of messages received and saving the count as a field.

30. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the steps of storing the date of said second e-mail as a date of last correspondence from said e-mail address.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of linking said sender e-mail address with at least a second of said plurality of header information fields and a message field and storing information about said link in a relationship field.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of prompting an e-mail recipient whether to save or delete the second e-mail

message if the sender e-mail information is not identical to information stored in said plurality of header information fields.

33. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of assigning a record number to the message body; saving the message body in a field; and if there is no match between the e-mail sender address of the second e-mail message and e-mail sender address information stored in said header information fields, saving said second message e-mail sender address as a field; creating a correspondent name, and creating a correspondent table; the correspondent table having a plurality of fields therein; said plurality of fields including at least one of correspondent name, correspondent e-mail address, number of messages in database, last message typed, date of last correspondence; and storing said correspondent e-mail address in said e-mail address field.

34. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of creating user generated e-mail information;

storing said user generated e-mail information in a user information field;

linking said user information field to at least one of said message body field or at least one of said plurality of header information fields; and

creating at least one relationship field for storing information sufficient to identify the link between said user information field and said message body field or said at least one plurality of said header information fields.

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35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said at least one header information field, relationship field, message body field and user information field are stored as tables, and said user table storing user information fields is a topic table, said fields stored in said topic table include information for identifying the topic of the message body.

36. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of said relationship fields contains information for identifying the relationship between the message body and the topic of the message represented thereby.

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1. New claims 21 through 36 are substantially based upon claims 1-16 as filed, and have basis in the specification as shown in figure 9G.

2. Concerning existing apparatus claims 17-20, applicants respectfully argue that claims 17-20 are not properly rejectable under 35 USC 102(b) as being "clearly anticipated" by Nakamura (U.S. 5,548,789) for the following two reasons. First, the priority date of the instant application is less than one year after the publication date of '789, and thus a rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is improper. Second, instant claims 17-20 are not "clearly anticipated" by the reference. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). In the instant case,